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C O N F I D E N T I A L TRIPOLI 0831

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TAGS: PFOR CPAS LY

SUBJECT: PASSPORTS: FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS

REF: TRIPOLI 0817, NATO 2972

SUMMARY: MORE OF THE SAME -- NATO COUNTRIES CAVING IN;
SIGNS OF FUTURE TROUBLE FOR THOSE WHO CATER.

LARG RADIO ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT FRG HAS ACCEPTED

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ARABIC IN PASSPORTS. BELGIUM SHOULD ALSO BE CONSIDERED AS HAVING ACCEPTED, ACCORDING TO MY DUTCH COLLEAGUE. ALSO, UK AMB TRIPP HAS APPOINTMENT WITH MFA U/ S NAAS FOR JUNE 21 TO INDICATE HMG' S ACCEPTANCE. TRIPP WAS KIND ENOUGH TO CALL AND TELL ME THIS MORNING. HOWEVER SINCE THEN HE HAS RECEIVED A TEMPORARY STOP- ACTION MESSAGE FROM FCO, WHICH MILDLY SURPRISED AT USG POSITION JUNE 19 NATO POLADS MEETING AND WANTS CLEARER PICTURE FROM DEPT BEFORE PROCEEDING. IN RESPONSE HIS REQUEST, I HAVE GIVEN HIM GIST THIS POST' S RECOMMENDATION, TO STAND FIRM. ALSO RAISED FOLLOWING QUESTION.

2. DOES ACCEPTANCE SOLVE PROBLEMS FOR EUROPEAN COUNTRIES? TAKE OUR LATEST INFO ON YUGOSLAV' S SITUATION. YUGOSLAVIA IS CONSIDERED BY QADHAFI, WHO PERSONALLY IN CHARGE OF THE ARABIZATION CAMPAIGN, AS ONE OF THE ONLY TWO " FREE" COUNTRIES IN EUROPE, THE OTHER BEING FRANCE.

A. THINGS WERE ALL SET FOR A LONG VISIT HERE BY YUGOSLAV PM BEGINNING JUNE 23 : YUGO AMB WENT OVER DETAILS OF PROGRAM WITH PROTOCOL, THEN EMPLANED FOR BELGRADE JUNE 16 TO BRIEF AND ACCOMPANY PM (WHO GOING ON TO SIX OTHER AFRICAN COUNTRIES AFTER LIBYA). AT TRIPOLI AIRPORT BEFORE DEPARTURE, YUGO AMB HAPPENEDHXEET CHIEF PROTOCOL, WHO AGAIN CONFIRMED ALL WAS SET.

B. JUNE 18 YUGO CHARGE WAS CALLED AND TOLD THE PM' S VISIT WAS TO BE POSTPONED. NO REASON GIVE N, AND NO NEW DATE PROVIDED EXCEPT FOR VAGUE REFERENCE TO EARLY JULY. (POSSIBLE REASON IS THE PM WAS TO GO ON TO ADDIS ABABA.)

C. YUGOS UNDERSTOOD ONE OF MAIN SUBJECTS FOR PM' S DISCUSSION HERE WOULD BE PASSPORTS. THEY CANNOT BRING BACK THEIR SCHOOL CHILDREN FROM MALTA, CURRENTLY, UNLESS ARABIC IS PRINTED REPEAT PRINTED IN THEIR PASSPORTS. YUGOS HAD ALREADY INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO STAMP THEIR PASSPORTS IN ARABIC, BUT APPARENTLY THIS WAS NOT ENOUGH.

D). ABOVE IS FROM YUGO FIRST SECRETARY AND HIS WIFE, TO ME AND MY WIFE, JUNE 17 AND TODAY.
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3. WE WOULD BE SURPRISED IF LARG APOLOGIZES TO VENEZUELAN AMB BARRADAS FOR HIS DENIAL OF ENTRY (TUNIS 3485). OUR BEST ESTIMATE IS THIS WILL NOT HAPPEN TILL JALLUD FREEZES OVER -- NOT TO MENTION QADHAFI.
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